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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2219  
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 5879

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, KN, TS

SUBJ: NORTH KOREA TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN TUNISIA

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT NORTH KOREANS ARE TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN TUNIS IN NEAR FUTURE. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR WHO TELLS US NORTH KOREAN ENVOY WILL BE PAK TCHANG SEUK.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED US INFORMALLY BY SOUTH KOREANS, PAK TCHANG SEUK WAS BORN IN 1937 AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY IN 1960. A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HE ENTERED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1960, GOING TO GUINEA AS THIRD SECRETARY 1961-68. FROM 1968-70 HE WAS SECTION CHIEF AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND 1971-76 HE WAS SECOND SECRETARY IN THE CONGO. HE RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY 1976-78 SERVING AS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE CHILD.

3. NORTH KOREANS EVIDENTLY PLAN TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN TUNISIA SHORTLY. WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR SUITABLE REAL ESTATE AND THAT AN OFFICER HAS BEEN IN

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TOWN STYLING HIMSELF AS CHARGE'D'AFFAIRES OF EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY IN FACT HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

4. TUNISIA HAS HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA SINCE JULY 17, 1975. TUNISIA HAS NO EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG AND DOES NOT PLAN TO OPEN ONE. (AMBASSADOR IN PEKING ALSO ACCREDITED TO PYONGYANG.

HERETOFORE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN RESIDENCE IN  
ALGIERS HAS ALSO BEEN ACCREDITED TO TUNISIA.  
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